

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Corbin at 8:00 a.m. on March 17, 2000 in 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Goodwin and Pugh who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Shari Weber, 68<sup>th</sup> District  
Clint Riley, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

With a motion from Senator Stephens and a seconded from Senator Morris the minutes of March 13, 2000 were approved.

The hearing was opened on **HB 2954**–Taking of coyotes; **HB 2975**–Purple paint bill; and **HB 2976**–Penalties for taking big game animals.

Written testimony from Representative Sharon Schwartz supporting **HB 2975 and HB 2976** was distributed (Attachment 1).

Representative Shari Weber support **HB 2954** and attached to her remarks is testimony from Lance Homman, one her constitutions, supporting the bill. His testimony states that to require two separate licenses for the legal pursuit and harvest of coyotes is a glaringly unique oddity (Attachment 2). Representative Weber responded to several questions.

Clint Riley, Wildlife and Parks, supported all three bills. He said **HB 2976** is intended to create an added deterrent to help prevent criminal hunting and trespass in pursuit of these animals. **HB 2954** amends the definition of furharvesting to include any legal means of taking a coyote, this would allow for those hunters to purchase only one license. **HB 2975** would allow a landowner to post land by placing identifying purple paint marks on trees and post surrounding the area, rather than posting actually signs, as it provides additional flexibility for landowners wishing to post their property as no hunting without written permission (Attachment 3).

Mr. Riley responding to questions, said the color of paint was chosen to conform with Missouri, and they thought it would be a helpful management tool. It was suggested by a member of the committee that **HB 2976** be amended to increase the penalty on the points on a deer rack rather than inches, and concern was expressed with the “unlawful intentional taking” section of the bill, perhaps some clarification was need in this section.

The hearing on the bills was closed.

Chairperson referred attention to **HB 2727** –Deer firearm permits and wild turkey archery permits for persons 12 and 13 years of age.

Senator Tyson made a motion to amended the **HB 2727** to strike the language 21 year old and insert parents. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Senator Huelskamp to amend the bill to “the secretary upon written request from a

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landowner or tenant shall issue two special hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits for each 80 acres owned or leased by such applicant but the total number of such permits issued to a landowner or tenant shall not exceed 5.” Senator Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Morris moved the bill be passed as amended. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson opened discussion and possible action on **HB 2762**. A motion was made by Senator Vratil to strike the correspondence course section in the bill. Senator Biggs seconded. The motion was discussed, and committee time expired at 9:06 with no action being taken. The next meeting of the committee will be on March 20, 2000.